

SEPTEMBER 24-26

**UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center
50 Warren Street
Lowell, MA 01852**

***THE IRISH IN MASSACHUSETTS:
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, LASTING LEGACY***

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Conference Registration**
Location: Hallway outside Lower Locks Room, 1st Floor
- 6 – 8 p.m. Networking Reception and Keynote Address**
Location: Lower Locks Room, 1st Floor
Chair: Dr. Brian Mitchell
Speaker: Dr. Timothy Meagher
Title: The Irish-Americans

Thursday, September 25, 2014

- 8 – 8:30 a.m. Conference Registration**
Location: Hallway outside Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor
- 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. Ireland and the Atlantic World 1550 - 1650**
Speaker: Professor Audrey Horning, Queen's University Belfast
Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor
- 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Ireland in the Early Modern Age**
Speaker: Dr. William Roulston, Ulster Historical Foundation
Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor
- Coffee/Tea Break**

- 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Mr. Gookin out of Ireland, wholly upon his owne adventure: Intercolonial and Transatlantic Connections in the Seventeenth Century.**
Speaker: Luke Pecoraro, Boston University
Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*
- 11:30 – 12:15 p.m. The Irish in Maine, 1760-1820**
Speaker: Dr. Ed McCarron, Stonehill College
Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*
- 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch**
Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*
- 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. Long Threatening comes at Last: Ireland's Great Famine in Irish-American History**
Speaker: Dr. Mary Kelly, Franklin Pierce University
Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*
- 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. The Union, Slavery, and Irish Americans in Civil War**
Speaker: Dr. Ian Delahanty, Boston College
Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*
- Coffee/Tea Break**
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Irish-American Literature**
Chair: Todd Avery
Panelists: Aine Greaney, Ronan Noone & Michael Patrick MacDonald
Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*
- 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Book signing**
Location: *Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*
- 5:15 – 8 p.m. An Evening of Music and Song**
Featuring: Brian O'Donovan of WGBH's A Celtic Sojourn, who will discuss "The role of music and song in Irish Culture" and Traditional Brew, a 5 piece Band
Location: *Old Court, Middle Street, Lowell*

Friday, September 26, 2014**8 – 9 a.m.****Conference Registration***Location: Hallway outside Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor***9 – 11 a.m.****The Irish in Lowell***Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor**Chair: Dr Frank Talty**Speaker 1: Prof Brian Mitchell**Title: “The Irish in Lowell: The Historical Context”**Speaker 2: Dr Colm Donnelly**Title: “Transatlantic Excavations: From Crossan to the Acre”**Speaker 3: Dave McKean, Eileen Murphy & Lynne McKerr**Title: “St Patrick’s Cemetery: Remembering the Dead”***Coffee/Tea Break****11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Irish-American Politics in Massachusetts***Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor**Moderator: Chancellor Marty Meehan**Panelists: The Honorable Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, The Honorable David Bartley, Ambassador Ray Flynn***12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch***Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor***1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Building an Irish-American Community***Chair: Victoria Denoon**Panelists: Imelda Murphy, Art McCabe and Jim O’Brien**Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**The Irish in Sport***Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor*

Speaker 1: David Fleitz

Title: “The Irish in Baseball”

Speaker 2: Ruairi O’Mahoney, with appearance by Colonel Warren Perry

Title: “The GAA in Massachusetts”

Coffee/Tea Break**3:30 – 4:00 p.m.****The Evolution of the Irish-American Politician in Massachusetts***Location: Grand Ballroom, 1st Floor***4:00 – 5:30 p.m.****Conference Closing and reception****Saturday, September 27, 2014****Post-Conference Morning Tour****St Patrick’s Cemetery, led by Dave McKean**